

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

South Carolina has had three governors inside of a week.

Col. W. P. Walton's new paper, The Lexingtonian, will appear next Saturday.

Another presidential precedent was broken when the Cabinet met for a night session at the White House.

Kenton, Tenn., has a curfew law that requires all boys under 15 years to stay in doors after 8 o'clock at night.

Great Britain has made a vigorous protest against Carranza's embargo on the Tampico oil fields. A large part of England's naval fuel is obtained from the Mexican fields.

Gen. Stoessel, defender of Port Arthur, died at Petrograd Sunday, aged 67 years. He was sentenced to death for surrendering the fort, but was pardoned by the Czar.

Gov. O'Neal declined to act on the Alabama state wide prohibition bill passed Saturday, but left it in the executive desk for Gov. Henderson, who assumes office to-day, to pass upon.

Florida led all the states in railroad construction last year, with 220 miles. The total mileage in the U. S. was 1,531, about half what it was in 1913. Canada beat us with 1,978 miles.

The State Board of Health at its annual meeting re-elected Dr. W. L. Heizer and Dr. Lillian South, State Registrar of Vital Statistics and State Bacteriologist, respectively, for four years each.

It is announced from Paducah that a local detective has been employed to hunt Ballard county night riders. As soon as he can secure a brass band and a megaphone announcer to herald his approach, he will be ready for the man hunt.

The French deny the German claim of a great victory at Soissons. They say only three brigades of French were engaged, that the retreat was to avoid being cut off from reinforcements by a rising river and that they still cover the town from the opposite bank.

Roy Wilhoit, of Louisville, and Joe Bosworth, of Middlesboro, Republican leaders, exchanged blows in the lobby of the Seelbach the other night. After Bosworth returned home Wilhoit telegraphed an apology which was accepted by wire and peace reigns.

The King of Italy has challenged the admiration of the world by declaring that Italy can take care of her own stricken people. He does not say so, but he evidently realizes that the rest of the world has its hands full extending charity to the victims of man's inhumanity to man.

John D. Rockefeller's \$1,000,000 to fight hookworm has been spent all right. The doctors claim to have examined 220,191 people in Kentucky and that 69,685 of them had hookworm. Regret is expressed that John D.'s money has given out for examination expenses and that there is nothing left for treatment.

ITALY'S EARTHQUAKE.

Detailed reports received in Rome regarding Italy's earthquake increase the appalling list of dead and the enormous property loss. The number of dead and injured in the Abruzzi alone is 30,000, while the number of bodies under the debris at Avezzano is 12,000. From the ruins of the latter place eighteen persons were taken out Saturday, still alive after three days had elapsed. Tremors have not ceased at Sora, where cold rains have added to the suffering.

MR. BIBLE ENTERTAINS

In Compliment to Hon. Lawrence B. Finn, Railroad Commissioner.

DUTCH LUNCH WAS SERVED

To The Twenty Odd Guests Who Were On Hand At His Rooms.

Hon. John Franklin Bible gave a delightful musical reception at his rooms in the Model Laundry apartment house Saturday evening, complimentary to Hon. Lawrence B. Finn, Railroad Commissioner, who was Mr. Bible's guest for the week end. About 20 prominent citizens and musicians were present and the evening was delightfully spent in the living rooms of Mr. Bible and Fritz Fallenstein, which open into each other.



J. F. BIBLE.

Young Mr. Stadelman and Mr. Fallenstein rendered some fine German music and a number of classical selections on their violins. Later T. E. Bartley with violin and S. E. Yancey with guitar gave several tunes of old-time fiddlers' music. Mr. Finn, who is something of a fiddler himself, also took part in the fiddling and the two German musicians tried to help as best they could. After an hour of music a three course Dutch lunch was served on tables placed about the rooms. It consisted of grape fruit; toast sandwiches of turkey, jelly and bacon; coffee and cigars. After this delightful repast was disposed of and cigars lighted, Mr. Bible called upon Mr. Geo. E. Gary, who extended a gracious welcome to Mr. Finn, the guest of honor, and told him how much the people of Hopkinsville thought of him and how anxious they were to do anything they were called upon to do to further his interests and promote his welfare and pleasure.

Mr. Finn replied in a graceful speech of characteristic modesty, saying that he had not come to Hopkinsville expecting to be so highly honored, but that he felt flattered by the courtesies shown to him by friends whom he highly esteemed. He asked that no "shop talk" be indulged in or any political questions brought up, but that the music be resumed. Taking his violin he rendered several solos, in one of which he whistled an imitation flute accompaniment, showing that he is just as good a fiddler as he is a lawyer or railroad commissioner.

The smoker lasted until well past eleven o'clock, with much stirring music by the various performers present and all went away grateful to the host for a most pleasant evening.

Those on hand were Hon. Lawrence B. Finn, M. C. Forbes, Geo. E. Gary, M. L. Elb, Mayor F. K. Yost, A. B. Coffey, Joe McCarroll, Jr., Frank Rives, S. E. Yancey, T. E. Bartley, Fritz Fallenstein, Mr. Stadelman, R. T. Stowe, R. E. Cooper, L. H. Davis, J. W. Knight, Chas. M. Meacham, Nick Dumas, T. C. Underwood, Mr. Bible and Miss Mary Bible.

Kentuckian in Idaho.

Robt. McCracken, of Blackford, Idaho, elected to Congress last fall, is a Kentuckian, a cousin of Seldon Major, of Cadiz. His wife was Miss Mina Ewell, of Cobb, Ky.

GUTIERREZ QUILTS VILLA

Gen. Garza Chosen for President by National Convention at Mexico City.

DECLARES MARTIAL LAW.

Assembly Declares Itself Supreme and Assumes All Powers of Government.

Mexico City, Jan. 18.—General Roque Gonzales Garza was named provisional president of Mexico last night by the national convention here. The former provisional president, General Eulalio Gutierrez, together with Generals Blanco, Robles and Jose Vasconcelos, left Mexico City at 4 o'clock this morning for Pachuca.

Martial law has been declared by General Garza. The city is being patrolled by mounted police.

In electing, Garza, the convention declared itself supreme and until a new president is elected has assumed all legislative, executive and judicial powers.

The general belief is that he has been chosen temporarily to meet an emergency created by sudden departure of General Gutierrez from Mexico City. It is thought he would exercise executive power until a complete agreement is secured on a president to fill the unexpired term of President Diaz and Madero, which would end on December 31 of this year.

The reasons for Gutierrez's departure are unknown but it is thought he declined to be continued in office under the restrictions suggested by Zapata followers. These provided that two-thirds of the convention could remove the provisional president; that he take no action of importance without consent of his cabinet, and that the convention must be consulted on all important questions.

Garza is about 36 years old and is a man of culture. He is a graduate of the law school in Mexico City and has been practicing law for many years. He first came into prominence as a volunteer colonel in the Madero army which overthrew Diaz. His brother, Frederico Gonzalez Garza, was for several months governor of the federal district in Mexico City under Madero, Roque and his brother joined Villa soon after Huerta came into power.

At the Aguascalientes convention, which named Gutierrez president, Garza was floor leader of the Villa faction. His ability as an orator made him a conspicuous figure and his dramatic speech in favor of the plan of Ayala led to the coalition between Zapata and Villa forces.

Senator James' Father.

The Hon. L. H. James, of this city, father of U. S. Senator O. M. James, who has been at the hospital in Louisville for several weeks under treatment for rheumatism and optic troubles, is now somewhat improved and is able to leave the sanitarium and go to the home of his son, U. S. Marshal E. H. James, and hopes if the weather keeps going to return home soon.—Crittenden-Press.

STORK VISITS WHITE HOUSE

Sturdy Six and One-half Pound Boy Born to Mrs. F. B. Sayre on Sunday.

PRESIDENT IS OVERJOYED

Name Not Selected, But Little Stranger Will Probably Be Named for President.

Washington, Jan. 18.—A son was born at the White House yesterday to Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, President Wilson's daughter.

The boy weighed six and a half pounds.

President Wilson made no effort to conceal his joy when informed that the child was a boy and that Mrs. Sayre was doing well. His face wreathed in smiles. The baby is his first grandchild and the first boy in his direct family.

Ten other children—six girls and four boys—have been born at the White House, most of them grandsons or granddaughters of Presidents.

Esther Cleveland was the only child of a President ever born in the White House.

Mr. Sayre, who is assistant to President Garfield of Williams College, was not at the White House when his son was born. Dr. Grayson reached him by telephone at Williamstown, Mass., and he arrived here late last night.

COUNCIL MEETING

Action Taken In Regard To The Wilgus Bequest Friday Night.

The Council met Friday night in regular session.

Mayor Yost submitted his annual message reviewing the last year's work.

Mayor Yost and Councilmen Russell and Southall were appointed a committee to act with Geo. C. Long, administrator, in carrying out the will of the late W. A. Wilgus.

Two thousand dollars of the refunded railroad bonds of 1901 were paid, leaving only \$2,500 more outstanding.

The bonds of the police officers were presented and approved.

Hopkinsville Like London.

Not even the oldest inhabitant remembers such a dense fog in this region as the one that settled like a blanket on Hopkinsville Thursday night. It began to appear early in the evening and by 10 o'clock was so heavy down town that it obscured the street lights and rivaled the fogs of London.

Another Snow.

Two inches of snow Sunday night followed a most beautiful winter day. It came as a complete surprise, and yesterday was increased to 5 or 6 inches.

No coal is mined in Argentine.

SNOWSTORM IN FRANCE

Hinders Military Operations Once More, But French Advance Continues.

RUSSIANS MAKE GAINS EAST.

Germans Say French Lost 20,000 Men In Recent Battle of Soissons.

London, Jan. 18.—While the main Russian army has been busy repelling what Grand Duke Nicholas in his official report describes as a series of violent attacks by Field Marshal von Hindenburg to break his way through to Warsaw, other Russian forces have stormed and taken Kirlibaba pass on the borders of Transylvania, and have made further progress in their advance along the right bank of the Vistula toward the German frontier.

The Germans in force have delivered seven successive attacks, which developed desperate bayonet fighting, on the Russian lines on the left bank of the Vistula, and have succeeded in taking one of the Russian advance trenches.

Further south there have been similar attacks, in each case preceded by heavy artillery engagements. The Russians have succeeded in silencing the heavy Austrian guns, which from the banks of the Danube have been bombarding the town of Tarnow.

The capture of Kirlibaba pass, through which roads lead into the heart of Transylvania, is likely to have a political as well as a military effect. It possibly will hasten the action of Rumania and compel the German allies to send troops to defend eastern Hungary.

In the west there has been brisk fighting at many points. The French claim further progress along the coast of Flanders, but not to the extent indicated by the unofficial reports. Attacks and counter-attacks have prevailed in the region of Arras and in the Aisne valley, south of Laon, but apparently without either side making any important gains.

The French progress at Rheims and in the Vosges, however, continues despite a heavy snowstorm, according to official claims. In the Argonne the Germans claim to have improved their position. An official German statement estimates the allies' losses since they commenced their offensive four weeks ago at 50,000, including 20,000 killed and more than 17,000 prisoners. An interesting account from German sources of the battle north of Soissons says the French defeat was the result of a surprise attack. While the French expected an attack on their left the Germans attacked on the right and center and drove the French completely out of positions north of the Aisne which it had taken them a month to capture.

MINUS A WATCH

Thief Secures Time-piece From Merchant.

Last Friday evening about dark two strange negro men entered the store of Mr. W. B. Pace, corner Nineteenth and High street, and while one of the men engaged Mr. Pace in a conversation about the purchase of a dime's worth of meat, the other one stole a watch from a jewelry case and disappeared. His partner soon left the building and it was after both men were out of sight that Mr. Pace discovered the loss of the time-piece, which was worth ten or fifteen dollars.

Women Lynched.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 15.—Dan Barber, his son Jesse, and Barber's two married daughters, Eula and Ella Charles, negroes, were taken from the Jasper county jail at Monticello, Ga., Friday night by a mob and lynched.

STANLEY'S HAT IN THE RING

Fires a Broadside Into His Ancient Enemies and The Frankfort Ring.

MAKE VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN.

Woods Will Be Full of Candidates For Governor With Stanley Against The Field.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 18.—In a Washington interview Congressman A. O. Stanley formally announced his candidacy for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. He fires several broadsides at his political enemies and at persons he terms the enemies of Kentucky.

He lays special stress on the statement that Kentucky is boss-ridden and declares the people have reached that state of mind where they intend to rise up and strike off the shackles. General Percy Haly and Sam Shackelford, well-known Beckham supporters, are singled out for attack. Stanley bluntly charges that lobbying of these two men has been responsible for the enactment of legislation detrimental to the many people of the commonwealth and in the interest of the few.

Another broadside is directed against what he terms a public office trust, which he charges has sprung up in the last few years. He says that a few men, in the recent campaigns, have controlled the party's machinery and dictated nominations at will. Rotation in office of a favored few has become all but perpetual and he intends to do his utmost to break up the "ring."

Stanley's friends assert he intends to make the vigorous campaign of his career.

Other announced candidates for the democratic nomination in the governor's race include the following: Lieut. E. J. McDermott, Louisville; Henry M. Bosworth, state auditor, Frankfort; J. W. Newman, commissioner of agriculture, Versailles; H. H. Cherry, Bowling Green; and Judge J. H. Hazelrigg, Frankfort. Gossip has it that Attorney-general James Garnett of Columbia intends to announce for the nomination and that Percy Haly may also be a contender. Haly is the "dark horse," so much discussed.

On the Republican side of the fence Edward Morrow, of Somerset, nephew of the late United States Senator W. O. Bradley, is the most talked of man for the nomination. He may get the prize without opposition. The "Bull Moosers" appear to have vanished as a party and there is little likelihood of their putting up a fight for primary honors. The most of them scorn the invitation to return to the republican fold and intend to line-up with the democrats.

MRS. LOUISE EVITTS

Passed Away After Illness of Several Months.

Mrs. Louise Evitts, wife of Mr. Thomas D. Evitts, died at 3:20 o'clock Saturday morning at her home on Third street.

Death was caused by tuberculosis, from which she had been a sufferer for several months.

Mrs. Evitts was a member of the Baptist church.

Her husband and four children survive.

The interment took place in the McCord burying ground, a few miles north of the city, yesterday. Rev. W. R. Goodman held services at the grave.

Acquitted by Jury.

The case of Stanley Duke, charged with sale of liquor without license, was tried by a jury in County Court yesterday and a verdict of not guilty rendered.

A Sweetly Solemn Thought.

How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber
Who pays in advance at the birth of each year.
Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly,
And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.
He never says: "Stop it; I cannot afford it,
I'm getting more papers than now I can read."
But always says: "Send it, our people all like it,
In fact, we all think it a help and a need."
How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum,
How it makes our pulse throb; how it makes our heart dance,
We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless him—
The steady subscriber who pays in advance.